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SOUTH AFRICAN WILDERNESS SPECIALISTS TO VISIT UM, GIVE LECTURE

MISSOULA --

Three wilderness specialists from South Africa will visit The University of Montana - Missoula Tuesday, Nov. 22, for a free public lecture on wilderness management problems and solutions.

Japie Buckle, Andrie Struwig and Tertius Schoeman will discuss "Land Management Problems and Solutions in Wilderness Areas of South Africa" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 22, in Science Complex Room 131.

All three work for Cape Nature Conservation, the provincial authority in the Eastern Cape Province of South Africa. Buckle is the principal nature conservation scientist, Struwig is the senior nature conservation scientist and Schoeman is the reserve manager. Their work includes land identification, classification and purchasing for conservation purposes; development of management, wildlife and tourist/visitor use plans for millions of acres of wilderness and nature reserves; and helping protect natural heritage sites and cultural values; and public education on sustainable use of wilderness.

Their UM lecture, sponsored by the UM School of Forestry's Bolle Center for People and Forests and the Wilderness Institute, will discuss newly drafted master plans for the Baviaanskloof and Groendal wilderness areas of South Africa and provide an overview of problems and possible solutions concerning management of those areas.

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The South African scientists are visiting Montana as part of a study program tour of U.S. wilderness areas, national parks, land management agency facilities and research centers.

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